

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BUREAU OF HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS**

In re: Katie Derusha, R.T.

Petition No. 2003-0804-028-003

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Katie Derusha of Jewett City (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 004011 to practice as a Radiologic Technologist by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 376c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

1. On or about October 28, 2002, patient A.L. was admitted to Lawrence & Memorial Hospital. Following a diagnosis of abdominal pain, patient A.L. was scheduled for a CT scan of the abdomen with contrast dye. In carrying out her part of preparing patient A.L. for his CT scan, respondent incorrectly assumed that a co-worker had loaded the syringe that contained the contrast dye. As a result, the CT screen failed to identify the enhancement of the contrast dye, an indication that patient A.L. had been injected with air rather than dye from the syringe. Subsequently, it was determined that the power injector was set up with the IV tubing from a prior patient.
2. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-74cc.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations but, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-74cc of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-74cc of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives her right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent's license number 004011 to practice as a Radiologic Technologist in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
3. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to her profession.
4. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification of the Bureau of Healthcare Systems of the Department.
5. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Department.
6. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall be deemed a public document, and the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Department in which her compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-74cc of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
7. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of

Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that she may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

8. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
9. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Bureau of Healthcare Systems to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Department. Respondent understands that the Department has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
10. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
11. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the Bureau Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Statewide Prosecution Bureau.

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I, Katie Derusha, have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Katie Derusha R.T.
Katie Derusha, R.T.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of October 2003.

Robin R. Deslandes
Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation

ROBIN R. DESLANDES
Notary Public

Commission Expires Sept. 30, 2008

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the

Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 10th day of

November 2003, it is hereby accepted.

Marianne Horn
Marianne Horn, Director
Division of Health Systems Regulation
Bureau of Healthcare Systems

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